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Mr. Gary Bardini, Chief, Hydrology Branch – Division of Flood Management
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Dean J. Chu
Mayor

Re: Opposition to Draining of the Hetch Hetchy Reservoir Without Adequate Study

Ron Swegles
Vice Mayor

Dear Mr. Bardini:

Frederik M. Fowler
Councilmember

The City of Sunnyvale relies on water provided by the San Francisco regional water system to serve our residential, commercial, industrial and community water customers. The Hetch Hetchy Reservoir is a major water diversion and storage facility in this regional system. We appreciate your offer to accept comments as part of DWR's review of the proposal to drain the Hetch Hetchy Reservoir.

Melinda Hamilton
Councilmember

Sunnyvale has a population of 133,000 in Santa Clara County, one of four counties with a combined population of over 2.4 million residents served by the Hetch Hetchy System. The northern half of the City receives water from the San Francisco system. This part of our City has a high level of industrial development that relies upon the high quality of the San Francisco water, and especially the Hetch Hetchy water. We are a member of Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency (BAWSCA). We ask you to ensure that your study will address the five critical requirements cited in BAWSCA's statement, presented at the DWR Progress Briefing on July 14, 2005.

John N. Howe
Councilmember

Otto Lee
Councilmember

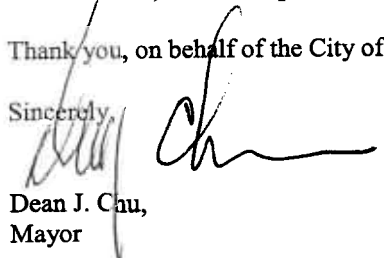
Julia E. Miller
Councilmember

To protect the health, safety, and economic well-being of 1.7 million people served by BAWSCA's members, we feel it is imperative that DWR explicitly state that the five BAWSCA requirements must be fully resolved before any responsible decision can be made about whether or not to drain the Hetch Hetchy Reservoir. Those requirements are:

- No delay in rebuilding the earthquake-vulnerable Hetch Hetchy system caused by a program to drain the reservoir or destroy the dam.
2. No change in the quality of water delivered to San Francisco customers in Alameda, Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties.
3. No increase in the cost of water for San Francisco's customers in Alameda, Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties. Any increased capital, operating, maintenance and administrative costs resulting from draining or destroying the dam should not be borne by the existing or future water customers of the system through their water bills.
4. No change in physical facilities or institutional arrangements should reduce water supplies or expose existing and future water customers to more frequent or severe water shortages.
5. No modifications to the existing water system or its operation until all replacement facilities are funded, built and operational, and all institutional arrangements are in place, and fully funded.

Thank you, on behalf of the City of Sunnyvale, for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,


Dean J. Chu,
Mayor

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Marvin Rose, Director of Public Works
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